

Dear Parents/Guardians:

2009 H1N1 influenza virus is causing illness ranging from mild to severe, including hospitalization and deaths in adults and children. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that children and young adults 6 months through 24 years be vaccinated with 2009 H1N1 vaccine. Vaccination is the best way to protect your child from this potentially serious disease.

The Fond du Lac County Health Department is working with us to provide the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine in schools, when sufficient amount of H1N1 vaccine is available. This program is voluntary, and there will be no cost to you.

Students in grades 4th -12th grade will be able to receive the H1N1 vaccine during the school day, without a parent being present, if your child is cooperative. School-based clinics will be held before or after school for younger children, 4K-3rd grade, so parents or designee can be present.

Please follow these instructions:

- ✓ Read the “2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccine, WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW SHEETS” about the flu shot, the nasal spray vaccine, and 2009 H1N1 Influenza, included with this letter.
- ✓ Complete, sign and date the authorization form and return it to the school by Friday Oct 23rd, if you want your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine. **No child will be given vaccine without a signed consent.** Children 9 years of age and younger will need two doses of vaccine spaced 21 to 28 days apart. Your signed consent authorizes both doses.
- ✓ If, at any time, you change your mind about having your child vaccinated, you can notify your child’s school in writing, or contact the Fond du Lac County Health Department.

You will be notified when the vaccines are scheduled to be given at your child’s school. Information will also be posted on Fond du Lac School District website, www.fonddulac.k12.wi.us.

Your child may receive either the nasal spray, if it is available and medically indicated, or the injectable vaccine (flu shot). If you have any questions about the vaccine or the vaccination clinics, please call the Fond du Lac County Health Department (929-3085) or the School Health and Safety Program (906-6548).

Sincerely,
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